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ABSTRACT

This report presents a "status" study, reporting practices followed in school systems where a severance pay policy is in effect. Severance pay is a fringe benefit designed to provide teachers who have given service to a school system with financial security during the period of transition to a new position or to retirement. The initial mailing list for the survey on which this report is based was obtained from a postal card sent to all school systems enrolling 12,000 or more pupils. Followup questionnaires were then mailed to the 128 systems reporting that they provided severance pay. For each of the 86 systems with bona fide severance pay systems, the tables in this report show the amount of unused sick leave or annual leave which may be accumulated by professional personnel, the conditions of termination under which severance pay is granted, and the formula applied to letermine the amount of the severance-pay. According to the report, most of the plans now in effect base the amount of payment on the number of days sick leave accumulated. (Author/JF)

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SEVERANCE PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Though still relatively rare, a policy granting "severance" or "terminal" pay to school employees when they terminate their services in a school system is being adopted by an increasing number of boards of education. In many systems, severance pay is one of the fringe benefits provided in a negotiation agreement.

As defined in a statement of recommendations on fringe benefits issued recently by the National Education Association, the purpose of a severance pay benefit is "to provide teachers who have given service to a school system with financial security during the period of transition to a new position or to retirement."

Other arguments in favor of severance pay point to the fact that it compensates somewhat for the inadequacy of retirement income and that it is a means of rewarding persons who have not misused their sick leave privileges.

How should the amount of severance pay be determined? The NEA statement recommends payment at the rate of one day's pay per year in the system for teachers who have served five years or more. However, most of the plans now in effect base the amount of payment on the number of days sick leave accumulated. Other questions frequently raised by those considering a severance pay plan concern limitations on the amounts paid and types of terminations for which severance pay should be granted.

The Educational Research Service has prepared this report as an aid to school administrators who have encountered the above problems in working out severance pay policies. The report does not attempt to establish the answers to the various questions raised. Rather, it is a "status" study, reporting practices followed in school system, where a severance pay policy is already in effect.

The initial mailing list for the survey was obtained from a postal card sent to all school systems enrolling 12,000 or more pupils. Re-

spondents were asked to indicate whether the system "provides severance pay (related or unrelated to sick or annual leave) upon termination of service under certain conditions." The 128 systems which replied in the affirmative were sent the questionnaire reproduced on pages 19 and 20. Of the 101 systems which returned this questionnaire, only 86 have bona fide severance pay plans. The 86 systems are distributed among the enrollment groups as follows:

Enrollment group and total systems in group		Number returning severan pay questionnaire				
		-	No. not hav- ing severance			
		pay	pav			
ı.	100,000 or more (25)	10	•••			
II.	50,000 to 99,999 (55)	10	4			
III.	25,000 to 49,999 (93)	21	3			
IV.	12,000 to 24,999 (359)	<u>45</u>	_8			
	Totals (532)	86	15			

It is likely, of course, that some of the 27 systems which did not return the question-naire and some of the systems which did not respond to the postal card inquiry have severance pay policies. Therefore, the above figures do not necessarily indicate that severance pay is provided in only 86 of the 532 systems in the country with 12,000 or more pupils. However, on the basis of these figures it is possible to estimate that severance pay is granted in less than 20 percent of the systems.

Attention is called to the fact that in six of the 86 systems, the policy reported applies only to 12-month personnel and provides reimbursement for unused annual leave only. A question might be raised as to whether or not this can be regarded as genuine severance pay.

The table beginning on page 5 lists the 86 school systems which reported their severance pay policies. For each system, the table shows

^{1/} National Education Association. <u>Guidelines to Fringe Benefits for Members of the Teaching Profession</u>. Washington, D. C.: the Association, 1969. 28 p. 50¢.

the amount of unused sick leave which may be accumulated by professional personnel (where this is a factor in determining severance pay), the conditions of termination under which severance pay is granted, and the formula applied to determine the amount of the severance pay.

PERSONNEL ELIGIBLE FOR SEVERANCE PAY

Seventy-nine of the 86 school systems provide severance pay to all professional personnel. As mentioned previously, six reported a policy which applies only to 12-month employees who have accumulated annual leave. The remaining system reimburses administrators only, using a formula based on the amount of unused sick leave.

TERMINATIONS FOR WHICH SEVERANCE PAY IS PROVIDED

Among the 86 responding systems, severance pay is granted to both teachers and 12-month employees terminating their services for the following reasons:

Retirement 85 systems
Death 44 systems
Resignation 18 systems
Dismissal 4 systems

One system pays in full for unused sick leave when an employee resigns for maternity, but no severance pay is provided for those leaving under other circumstances.

In seven systems the amount and/or basis upon which severance pay is determined depends on the type of termination. Five systems use different formulas for determining severance pay upon death and upon retirement; two systems figure severance pay upon retirement and upon resignation differently.

BASES FOR DETERMINING SEVERANCE PAY

Among the 86 systems in the survey, five factors appear which are used in determining severance pay, either separately or in combination with each other—sick leave, years of service in the system, total years of teaching experience, annual leave, and personal leave. Personal leave is never the sole factor on which

severance pay is based but appears in combination with other factors in two systems.

Table A shows the number of systems by enrollment group that base severance pay on each of the factors or combinations of factors listed.

Sick leave. As can be seen from Table A, about two-thirds (57) of the systems in the survey use accumulated sick leave as the basis for figuring severance pay. Another 18 percent use sick leave in combination with, or as a choice between, another factor to compute terminal leave payments.

As mentioned previously, one of the 57 systems allows payment of severance pay for unused sick leave to administrators only.

The amount of unused sick leave which is allowed to accumulate, of course, has a major bearing on the amount of severance pay which an employee may receive in most systems. Among the 72 systems where unused sick leave is the basis for severance pay, the maximum amount of sick leave which a teacher may accumulate ranges from 27 days (36 for 12-month employees) in one system to unlimited accumulation in 20 systems (in 21 systems for auministrators). The most frequently mentioned maximum accumulation was 120 days for teachers and 12-month employees (22 and

Table A

BASES USED TO DETERMINE SEVERANCE PAY
FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES IN 86 SCHOOL SYSTEMS

			•		-
Basis of sev-	Enrol	lment	group	(see	page 1)
erance pay	I	ΙΙ	III	IV	Totals
Sick leave	4	4	15	34	57
Yrs. of service	• • •	• • •	3	3、	6
Sick leave and yrs. of service	1	1	•••	•••	2
Annual leave	2	1	1	2	6
Sick and annual leave	2	3	•••	1	6
Choice of two bases	•••	1	•••	2	3
Other	1	• • •	2	3	6
Total systems responding	10	10	21	45	86

24 systems respectively). Unlimited accumulation was second in frequency of mention.

The most common practice is to pay employees for all or a portion of their unused sick leave at their rate of pay at termination (40 systems). Ten systems compensate for unused sick leave at a stipulated dollar amount per day (usually \$5 or \$10), and five pay the prevailing daily rate for substitutes. An unusual plan is followed in Yonkers, New York. There, the board of education sets up a fund to provide severance pay to teachers who retire during a given year. Each retiring teacher receives a percentage of the total fund based on the percentage his accumulated sick leave is of the total unused sick leave of all teachers retiring that year.

The amount of accumulated sick leave for which a teacher is paid varies widely, and should be considered in terms of the rate of pay at which sick leave is compensated upon termination. For instance, payment at \$5 a day for a maximum accumulation of 120 days would not be as rewarding as payment for 60 days of unused sick leave at the employee's final daily rate. The same caution must be used in evaluating plans which use other bases of payment, or in comparing plans with different bases of payment.

Two systems (not included in this study because their plans do not qualify as severance pay) reported unique methods of compensating teachers for unused sick leave. One system said that professional employees are paid on the substitute scale at the end of the school year for earned sick leave not used during that year. Another system reported that teachers do not receive severance pay, but in accordance with a provision of the state retirement system credit for retirement benefits is given for accumulated sick leave at the time of retirement, at the rate of one month's credit for each 20 days or fraction thereof.

Years of service. Six systems base severance pay on years of service only. Another seven pay professional employees an amount for years of service in addition to an amount based on some other factor, or provide an alternate

method of determining severance pay which is based on years of service. The amount paid per year of service varies among the systems, ranging from \$10 to \$140 for each year of service.

In only two systems is at least part of the severance pay based on total credited teaching experience. In most cases it is specified that severance pay be computed only on years served in the system. One system further specifies that these years must be consecutive.

In some systems the percentage of unused sick leave for which a teacher receives severance pay is determined by the number of years of service in the system. In one case, the teacher's length of service determines whether he is paid for years of service or for unused sick leave.

Annual leave. Only systems which allow 12-month employees to accumulate annual leave beyond the current year and which will pay these employees for all or part of this annual leave upon termination have been included in the report. Thirteen reporting systems meet this stipulation.

The majority of these systems will pay for annual leave accumulated during only the year-and-one-half or two years before termination.

Two systems, however, permit unlimited accumulation of annual leave and full reimbursement for unused annual leave upon retirement, resignation, or death. Six of the 13 systems provide severance pay for annual leave ONLY, and seven will ALSO pay 12-month employees for accumulated sick leave.

<u>Personal leave</u>. Two systems reimburse teachers and administrators for at least part of their unused personal leave. This is in addition to amounts computed on other bases.

Other formulas. In order to allow the teacher or administrator the greatest possibility of receiving a meaningful amount of severance pay, four systems have established alternate formulas to figure severance pay. The employee is paid according to the formula which yields the larger dollar amount. In one system the basis for both formulas is sick leave, and

in the other three systems the formulas are on two different bases.

One system offers three formulas. In still another system the retiring employee is paid either a full month's salary or for up to 25 days of accumulated sick leave; upon death, however, the sick leave formula is applied. One respondent said that, effective January 1, 1970, the beneficiary of an employee who dies in service will be paid the full face of the current contract up to \$10,000.

SAMPLE SEVERANCE PAY POLICIES

Since policies upon which this study is based often contain provisions other than those summarized or reported individually in the system-by-system table, the sample policies beginning on page 15 have been selected from among the dozens submitted to illustrate some of the formats of severance pay policies. It is hoped that the examples will also be helpful to systems in the process of writing or revising severance pay formulas.

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SEVERANCE PAY POLICIES, 86 SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH 12,000 OR MORE ENROLLMENT

SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACC		TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, CALIF. (La Mesa) - IV	n/A	n/A	Upon retirement, resignation, or death: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for accumulated ANNUAL leave (maximum accumulation unlimited).
BRIDGEPORT, CONN IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement: With 15 years of service, paid an amount calculated by dividing the number of accumulated sick leave days by 25 and multiplying by the final daily rate of pay.
HARTFORD, CONN III	120 days @ full pay; 120 days @ part pay		Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 30 days of accumulated full-pay sick leave in excess of 45 full pay days, at current rate of pay. The 45-day requirement is reduced by one day for each day of extended illness (one requiring absence of 15 or more days) during the final year of service.
	4	•	ALTERNATE FORMULA: The total accumulation of allotted full-pay sick days since 1934, less absences for illness and absences exceeding five days each year for personal reasons, is multiplied by 15 percent; the product is the number of days for which payment is made at current per diem rate. (See policy on page 15.)
NEW BRITAIN, CONN, - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement, resignation, or death: With 20 years of service, paid for one-fourth of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
NEW HAVEN, CONN IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 30 days of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate.
WEST HARTFORD, CONN IV	150 days @ full pay	150 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave (up to 30 days) at current daily rate. (See page 18.)
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLA. (Gainesville) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate, if individual re quests it and if school board approves it. Each case is individually decided.
BROWARD COUNTY, FLA II	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ fu l l pay	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: At age 50 with 25 years of service, or at age 55 with 10 years of service, paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
DADE COUNTY, FLA. (Miami) - I	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at final daily rate.
			Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for unused ANNUAL leave earned in past 14 months. (See policy on page 17.)
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLA. (Pensacola) - III	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-fourth of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
LAKE COUNTY, FLA. (Tavares) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of a maximum of 80 accumulated sick leave days at current daily rate of pay.

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SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM AC	CUMULATION AVE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
LEON COUNTY, FLA. (Tal- lahassee) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for up to 60 days of accumulated sick leave at final daily rate of pay.
LEE COUNTY, FLA. (Ft. Myer) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.
MANATEE COUNTY, FLA. (Bradenton) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of unused accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLA. (West Palm Beach) - II	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	on retirement or death: Paid for one-half of ac- ulated sick leave at full pay.
	٠		Upon retirement or death: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for up to 20 days (maximum accumulation permitted) of unused ANNUAL leave.
PINELLAS COUNTY, FLA. (Clearwater) - II	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick-leave at current daily rate of pay.
,			Upon retirement, resignation, or death: 12-MONTH employees paid for up to 30 days (maximum recumulation permitted) of unused ANNUAL leave at current rate of pay.
POLK COUNTY, FLA. (Bar-	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLA. (Sarasota) - IV	120 days @ full pay	12∪ days ~@ fu'll pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLA. (Sanford) - IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at one-half current rate of pay.
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLA. (DeLand) - III	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
FULTON COUNTY, GA, (Atlanta) - III	80 days @ full pay	80 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at final salary rate.
HAWAIIentire state - I	N/A	n/a	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: All employees who earn paid VACATION may accumulate to a maximum of 90 days and are paid for such unused leave upon termination. (If, at any time during his service, an employee accumulates vacation days exceeding 90 and it is shown that this resulted from the employee's inability to use this time by orders of his superior, he is paid salary in lieu of the excess vacation time.)
CHICAGO, ILL I	190 days @ full pay	190 days @ full pay	Upon compulsory or disability retirement: Paid for one-third of accumulated sick leave at current salary.

SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACC	UMULATION: VE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PA	Y PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month	SEVERANCE(S) T	O WHICH APPLICABLE
		employees		
GRANITE CITY, ILL IV	Unlimited	Unlimited		h with 15 consecutive years ne-half of accumulated sick rate.
,				ation, or death with 3-15 rvice: Paid for one-fourth of at current daily rate.
			contract year and give the year of separation,	y, employee must complete notice prior to July 1 of except in case of death. ance pay which may be granted
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL	120 days @ full ray	120 days @ full pay		for 75 percent of accomulated ate of pay.
ANDERSON, IND IV	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Termi years of service, as fo	nal pay provided based on llows:
			Total years of teaching experience	Terminal pay formula applied
*•			20 -2 4 25 -2 9	15 days' pay. 20 days' pay OR half of accumulated sick leave up to 60 days.
•			30 or more	25 days' pay AND paid for accum d sick leave up to 1ys, total payment o exceed 60 days' pay.
:	:		for up to 60 days of un	NTH employees paid in full used accumulated ANNUAL leave ermitted, 120 days).
	: :			ies paid full face of current (Effective January 1, 1970)
EVANSVILLE-VANDERBURGH SCHOOL CORPORATION, IND. (Evansville) - III	n/A	n/A	an employee must be wit retirement (age 66) and in the system or must b less than 10 years from	e eligible for severance pay thin 10 years of mandatory have 10 years' experience be retired on disability if a retirement. Severance pay the following three-part
			for each year of se (In 1969-70 and suc will be reduced by	r's pay (on the M.A. maximum) rvice within the system. ceeding years the 70 percent 2 percent annually until it at which it will remain.)
			One-fourth of a day for each day of unu	's pay (on the M.A. maximum) sed personal leave.
			each year of credit	y (on the M.A. maximum) for ed service outside the sys- yee has at least 10 years' system.

SCHOGL SYSTEM AND ENPULLMENT G'OUP	MAXIMUM ACC	CUMULATION AVE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
FORT WAYNE, IND III	90 days @ full pay	90 or 120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement with 10 or more years' experience in the system: TEACHERS paid an amount equal to an index ratio of .01 of beginning bachelor's salary on the salary schedule index for each year of total credited teaching experience. ALL OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF paid \$63 for each year of total credited teaching experience.
			Upon retirement with less than 10 years of credited experience in the system: TEACHERS paid an amount equal to an index ratio of .01 of beginning bachelor's salary on the salary schedule index for each year of experience in the system. ALL OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF paid \$63 for each year of experience in the system.
•			Upon death: Beneficiaries paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.
GARY, IND İII	N/A	n/A	Upon retirement or denth with 15 or more years of real service: Paid an amount according to years or service as follows:
		·	15-20 years of creditable service\$1,000 21-30 years of creditable service\$2,000 31 or more years of creditable service\$3,000
HAMMOND, IND IV	Unlimited	Un limite d	Upon retirement: If 50 years of age and with 15 years of creditable service in Indiana public schools, paid for accumulated sick leave according to the following formula:
			15-20 years of local service: 2½ times the number of years of service = the percentage of accumulated sick leave for which a retiree is paid at current daily rate of pay.
			Over 20 years of local service: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay,
INDIANAPCLIS, IND I	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid \$10 a day for each day of accumulated sick leave AND paid \$40 (if teacher) or \$50 (if 12-month employee) for each year of service in the system. (Unused personal leave may be added to unused sick leave until the 120 days maximum accumulation is reached.) (See policy on page 17.)
SOUTH BEND, IND III	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: With 25 years of service in the system, paid for one-half of unused accumulated sick leave at certificated substitute rate (\$22 a day in 1968-69).

CADDO PARISH, LA.	OF SICK LEAT Teachers Unlimited 60 days G full pay	12-month employees Unlimited 60 days	Upon retirement or death: If 60 years of age (or 15 years' service if retiring for disability), pai at current daily rate for up to 60 days of accumulated sick leave according to the following schedule: 10-19 years of service25% of unused sick leaves 20-29 years of service50% of unused sick leaves 30 or more years of service50% of unused sick leaves ** **Up to 50 days. Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 25 days
cadbo Parish, La.	60 days	60 days	15 years service if retiring for disability), paid at current drily rate for up to 60 days of accumulated sick leave according to the following schedule: 10-19 years of service25% of unused sick leaves 20-29 years of service50% of unused sick leaves 30 or more years of service100% of unused sick leaves **Up to 50 days. Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 25 days
	• 1		leave* 20-29 years of service50% of unused sick leave* 30 or more years of service100% of unused sick leave* *Up to 50 days. Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 25 days
	• 1		*Up to 50 days. Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 25 days
	• 1		
	1	=	of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay. Ten years! service required for severance pay upon death.
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LA. (Baton Rouge) - II	Unlimited.	Unlimited	Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 25 days of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
		-	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for unused ANNUAL leave earned in last two years of service (20-40 days).
	80 days @ full pay	80 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid additional one month's salary (Permission of the beard of education required in cases of disability retirement.)
•		,	ALTERNATE PLAN: Upon retirement or death, paid for up to 25 days of accumulated sick leave at daily rate of pay.
PORTLAND, MAINE - IV	135 days @ full pay	180 days @ fall pay	Upon retirement: Paid for up to 150 unused accumulated sick leave at daily substitute rate (\$20 in 1968-69).
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD. (Cumberland) - IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement or death: Paid \$10 per day of sic leave accumulated in the system.
	100 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon resignation for MATERNITY: Paid for accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
BALTIMORE, MD., city schools - I	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement, resignation, or death: If 60 years of age with 20 years service, paid for 20 percent of up to 120 days of accumulated sick leavat current daily rate of pay.
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD. (Towson:) - I	n/A	n/A	Upon retirement, resignation, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for accumulated ANNUA leave (maximum accumulation is 30 days20 days focurrent year and 10 from previous year).

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SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLIMENT GROUP	OF SICK LEAVE ALLOWED:		TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND			
	Teachers	12-month	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE			!
(See page 1)	teachers	employees				
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD. (Frederick) - IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retire in the syst	tem: Paid an a	with 20 years of amount determined	service by the
			Years of service	Rate per year	Years of service	Rate per year
			20 21 22 23 24 25	\$120 122 124 126 128 130	26 27 28 29 30 or more	\$132 134 134 136 140
:	•		ice in the lated sick	system: Paid leave at curro all receive les	with 10-19 years for one-fourth o ent daily rate of es than the equiv	f accumu-
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD. (Magerstown) - IV,	130 days @ full pay	130 days @ full pay	Upon retire lated sick		15 for each day o	f accumu-
"ITTSFIELD, MASS IV	90 days @ full pay	90 days @ full pay	system, par	id for up to 20) years of servic) days of account ; daily rate of p	ated sick
QUINCY, MASS IV	Unlimited	Unlimited		, paid for up t	vears of age with to 15 days of acc	
BAY CITY, MICH IV	96 days @ full pay	96 days @ full pay	rate for ea	ement or death: ach day of accu t to exceed \$1,	Paid at current mulated sick lea	t daily ve, total
DEARBORN, MICH IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	accumulated	ement or death: d sick leave, r lly rate of pay	Paid for one-to not to exceed 50	hird of days, at
FARMINGTON, MICH IV	n/A	N/A			years of local al	
MLINT, MICH III	N/A	n/A	retiring (l) at age 65, (, or (3) at age	00 per year of s (2) at age 60 wit 55 if disabled	h 20 years
GARDEN CITY, MICH IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retire cumulated s	ement or death: sick leave.	Paid \$10 per d	ay of ac-
KALANAZOO, MICH IV	n/A	Unlimited	\$50 for each the loth year. Upon retire	ch year of servear. ement or death: cent of accumul	irement or death vice in the syste ADMINISTR TORS ated sick leave	m beyond are paid
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SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACCUMULATION OF SICK LEAVE ALLOWED:		TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
LANSING, MICH III	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement: With 10 years of service in the system, paid for 20 percent of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay, total payment not to exceed \$1,000.
			Upon resignation: With 10 years of service in the system, paid for 25 percent of accumulated sick leave days accrued since 1966-67, at current daily rate of pay, total payment not to exceed \$800.
LIVONIA, MICH III	N/A	N/A	Upon retirement of death: Paid \$100 per year of cervice in the system.
PORT HŪRON, MICH IV	145 days @ full pay	Not report- ed .	Upon retirement: With 15 years of local service, paid \$10 for each year of local service.
	(160 in 1969-70; 175 in 1970-71)		Upon death: Paid for accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
ROSEVILLE, MICH IV	Unlimited .	Unlimited	Upon retirement or death: Paid for one-half of up to 70 days accumulated sick leave (i.e., 35 days of severance is maximum). Sixty years of age required for severance pay upon retirement.
ROYAL OAK, MICH IV	110 days @ full pay	110 days @ full pay	Upon retirement, resignation at end of school year, or resignation for health reasons: With 10 years' service in system, paid for one-half of up to 50 accumulated sick leave days at current rate of pay.
			Upon retirement with less than 10 years' service in the system: Payment prorated according to the number of years in the system, based on half the accumulated time at the end of 10 years, at current rate of pay.
	-		Upon death: Beneficiaries paid in full for accumulated sick leave.
TAYLOR, MICH IV	125 days @ full pay	125 days @ full pay	Upon retirement with 20 years of service in the system: Paid for 50 percent of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.
			Upon retirement with 10-19 years of service in the system: Paid for 25 percent of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.
WARREN, MICH IV	200 days @ full pay	200 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for 50 percent of accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
ST. PAUL, MINN III	200 days @ full pay; 100 days @ part pay	200 days @ full pay 100 days @ part pay	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: With 20 years' service in the system and at least 60 days accumulated sick leave, paid one-half day's pay for each day of accumulated sick leave, total payment not to exceed \$2,500.
BILLINGS, MONT IV	· N/A	N/A	Upon retirement: If at minimum retirement age of 60 with 10 years' service in the system, or if under 60 with 15 years in system, paid \$20 for each year served, total payment not to exceed \$500.

SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACC OF SICK LEA	AVE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
JERSEY CITY, N. J III	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement, resignation, or death: With 10 years of regularly appointed service, paid for sich leave accumulated after July 1, 1956, at one-half the current substitute rate of pay.
ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX II	N/A	n/a	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid for up to 22 days of ANNUAI leave (maximum accumulation permitted, 60 days).
HICKSVILLE, N. Y IV	N/A	N/A	Upon retirement: Paid \$100 for each year of credited service in the system.
NEW YORK, N. Y I	120 days @ full pay	200 days @ full pay	Upon retirement, resignation, or death: Paid one do 's pay for each two days of accumulated sick leave accrued after September 1, 1967.
YONKERS, N. Y III	200 days @ full pay	200 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: The board sets up a fund for severance pay to retiring teachers. Each retiree shares in the fund to the extent his unused sick leave is a percentage of the total amount of accumulated sick leave of all retiring teachers.
WAKE COUNTY, N. C. (Raleigh) - IV	N/A	N/A	Upon retirement: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for accumulated ANNUAL leave (maximum accumulation permitted, 30 days).
ARMSTRONG SCHOOL DIS- TRICT, PA. (Ford City) IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement: Paid \$5 a day for up to 50 days of accumulated sick leave.
BETHLEHEM, PA IV	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 90 days of accumulated sick leave at prevailing substitute rate (\$30 a day in 1968-69).
			Upon retirement, resignation, or death: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for unused ANNUAL leave, which may accumulate indefinitely.
PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, PA. (Pittsburgh) -	180 days @ full pay	180 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid \$10 per day of accumulated sick leave.
PHILADELPHIA, PA I	Unlimited	Unlimited (See next column)	Upon retirement or resignation: Paid full salary for accumulated personal leave (which may be accumulated indefinitely), AND full salary for 25 percent of accumulated sick leave. District superintendents, directors, and assistant directors (12-month employees) who were employed before 1965 are not eligible for severance pay. Such employees are allowed a maximum period of one year with full salary for absence due to personal illness.
PITTSBURGH, PA II	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement: Paid for 25 percent of up to 120 days of accumulated sick leave at final daily rate of pay, (not to exceed \$50 a day), total payment not to exceed \$1,500.
			ALTERNATE PLAN upon retirement: Three-fourths of a day's pay (not to exceed \$50 a day) for each year of service in Pittsburgh, total payment not to exceed \$1,500. (See policy on page 16.)

SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACC OF SICK LEA	VE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE (S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE
FLORENCE, S. C IV *	'Unlimited	Unlimited .	Upon recirement, resignation, or death with 10 years of service: Paid \$8 per day of accumulated sick leave.
· · · · ·			Upon retirement, resignation, or death with five years of service: Paid \$4 per day of accumulated sick leave.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., city schools - III	n/A	N/A	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid in full for ANNUAL leave accumulated in past two years (maximum accumulation permitted, 24 days).
BEAUMONT, TEXAS - IV	90 days @ full pay	90 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for 10 percent of unused accumulated sick leave at \$20 per day.
BIRDVILLE SCHOOL DIS- TRICT, TEXAS (Ft. Worth)- IV	85 days ° @ full pay	85 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for one-half of accumulated sick leave at prevailing substitute rate (\$18 a day in 1968-69).
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS - III	60 days @ full pay	60 days @ full pay	Upon retirement with 25 years of service: Paid for accumulated sick leave at one-half of current daily rate of pay.
			Upon retirement with less than 25 years of service: Paid for accumulated sick leave at one-half of current daily rate times the number of years of local service, divided by 25.
ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS (Odessa) - III	90 days @ full pay	90 days @ fu ll pay	Upon retirement: Paid for accumulated sick leave at one-half current daily rate of pay.
			Upon resignation with 10 years' service: Paid for accumulated sick leave at one-fourth current daily rate of pay.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS - II	80 days @ full pay	80 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid for up to 20 days of unused accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay AND paid one day's salary for each year of service in the district. Twenty years of service required for severance pay at death or upon retirement prior to age 65.
GARLAND, TEXAS - IV	27 days @ full pay	36 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay for substitute.
HOUSTON, TEXAS - I	90, 95, or 100 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for accumulated sick leave at current rate of pay.
PASADENA, TEXAS - III	90 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement or death: Paid one-fourth of current annual salary for maximum accumulation of unused sick leave. For less than maximum accumulation, an employee is paid a pro rata portion of one-fourth of his annual salary.
SALT AKE CITY, UTAH -	180 days @ full pay	180 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid for 15 percent of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.

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SCHOOL SYSTEM AND ENROLLMENT GROUP	MAXIMUM ACC	UMULATION VE ALLOWED:	TERMINAL PAY PROVIDED AND		
(See page 1)	Teachers	12-month employees	SEVERANCE(S) TO WHICH APPLICABLE		
CHESAPEAKE, VA III	90 days @ full pay	90 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: With 20 years of service and 60 years of agr (or retiring on disability), paid for up to 60 days of accumulated sick leave at current daily rate of pay.		
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA. (Fairfax) - I	Unlimited	Unlimited	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: Paid \$5 per day of unused sick leave accumulated from July 1964 to June 1968; \$10 a day for unused sick leave accumulated after June 1968.		
			Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: 12-MONTH employees paid for accumulated ANNUAL leave, up to maximum accumulation (30 days in first 10 years of employment, 40 days thereafter).		
NEWPORT NEWS, VA III	120 days @ full pay	120 days @ full pay	Upon retirement: Paid \$5 per day of accumulated sick leave.		
ROANOKE COUNTY, VA. (Salem) - IV	180 days @ full pay	180 days @ full pay	Upon retirement, resignation, death, or dismissal: With five years of service, paid \$10 a day for accumulated sick leave (\$5 a day for part-time employees).		

HARTFORD, COMNECTICUT

BOARD POLICY ON SEVERANCE PAY

- Severance Pay Formulas. Upon retirement or death, calculation of severance pay shall be made by applying both of the following formulas, and the employee or his estate shall be paid whichever amount is greater.
 - a. Formula 1 (1966 contract). Payment shall be calculated at the rate of one day's pay for each day of accumulated full pay sick leave credited to an employee on his termination date in excess of 45 full pay days up to a maximum of 30 days severance pay, provided, however, if an employee is absent due to any extended illness during his final school year of service, the 45 day requirement shall be reduced by one day for each day of such extended illness until the reserve of accumulated sick leave has been exhausted. An extended illness for the purpose of this clause shall be defined as one requiring absence of 15 or more consecutive days.
 - b. Formula 2 (1968 contract). The total accumulation of all allotted full pay sick days since 1934 less absences for an employee's illness and less absences exceeding five days each year for personal reasons recognized in present policy but not less non-deductible absences (injury in service, conventions, visiting days, jury duty, compensatory days, absences with salary deductions, and equivalent situations) shall be multiplied by a factor of 15%, the product being the number of days for which payment shall be made at the current per diem rate. No credit shall be given for the period during which an employee was in military service.

For the purpose of calculating the number of allotted days since 1934, the following yearly allotments shall be used:

•	10 month	12 month
July 1, 1934 - June 30, 1940	10	10
July 1, 1940 - June 30, 1949	10	12
July 1, 1949 - June 30, 1967	15	18
July 1, 1967 - June 30, 1968	20	24

- c. Regulations applying to both formulas. To be eligible for severance pay employees who plan to retire from April 1 through June 30 of any year must give at least 90 days prior notice of their definite intention to retire. Employees who plan to retire at any other time of the year must give at least 60 days notice. If such notice is submitted in July or August, the 60 day provision shall be in effect from August 1 except when an adequate substitute or qualified replacement is available in which case the retirement date by mutual agreement becomes effective on the day when the substitute or replacement can begin work. In all cases severance pay shall be due the employee on the date of retirement or on the first payroll date thereafter. These notice requirements shall not be applicable to employees who die or become physically disabled in such a way as to force their retirement.
- 2. Per Diem Rates. The following shall be used to compute the per diem rate for severance pay:
 - a. Ten-month employees. For employees whose work is governed by the school calendar, 1/180th of their current annual salary.
 - b. Ten-and-one-half-month employees. For employees whose work is governed by the school calendar plus one week before Labor Day week and one week after closing of school, 1/191th of their current annual salary.
 - c. <u>Eleven-month employees</u>. For employees whose work is governed by the school calendar plus approximately six weeks, 1/212th of their current annual salary.
 - d. <u>Twelve-month employees</u>. For employees whose work year is 12 months, 1/226th of their current annual salary.

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

TERMINAL LEAVE PROVISIONS FOR 1969

Eligibility for Terminal Leave Payment, January 1, 1969 through December 31, 1969

Persons who retire under any of the provisions established by the Public School Employees' Retirement Board for superannuation or disability retirement.

Persons who are eligible for superannuation retirement during calendar year 1969 and who die during that period.

Determination of Terminal Leave Payment

Terminal leave pay may be determined in either of two ways: (1) on the basis of accumulated unused sick leave days available on the date of retirement; or (2) on the basis of years of service in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Payment will be made on the basis which gives the larger amount in those cases where the amounts differ.

The maximum terminal leave payment is \$1500 for either method : 11 1969.

Application for Terminal Leave Pay

Persons planning to retire must submit three copies of the Terminal Leave Application blank to the Personnel Division. The envelope should be marked "Terminal Leave Application."

Applications must be received in the Personnel Office at least 60 days prior to the final pay day in order to insure that payment may be made on that date. For persons planning to retire at the end of June this means that applications should be received no later than April 20.

Applications received after the sixty day deadline will be processed, but it is most likely that the terminal leave check will have to be mailed to the retiree after the last pay day.

Applicants should indicate unused sick leave days and years of service in the Pittsburgh Public Schools on the application. These figures will be verified by checking with records in the Finance Division, Controller's Office, and Personnel Division.

Deductions from Terminal Leave Pay

There will be withholding for federal income tax, local wage tax and (where total salary to date is less than \$7.800) for social security benefits.

There will be no retirement deduction from terminal leave pay, and this amount will not be included in the computation of the retirement allowance.

Specific Provisions

Accumulated unused sick leave days

Terminal leave pay will be computed by allowing 25 percent of not more than 120 unused sick leave days available on the date of retirement. Daily pay used in the computation will be the actual daily rate at time of retirement, but not to exceed \$50 per day.

Daily pay for hourly workers will be based upon the normal number of hours in the work day and the regular hourly rate.

Daily pay for those paid on a monthly basis will be computed by the same method used in connection with nonpaid absence. For persons on a school month, the monthly salary will be divided by twenty. For calendar month employees, the annual salary will be divided by 251.

Years of service in Pittsburgh Public Schools

Terminal leave pay will be determined by allowing 3/4 day for each year of service in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Daily pay will be determined in the manner described above.



DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

TERMINAL PAY (Board policy)

To encourage and reward personnel who exercise particular care in the maintenance of their personal health and job attendance, the board will provide, on and after August 5, 1965, terminal pay to personnel at normal retirement, or to their beneficiaries if service is terminated by death. Terminal pay shall be an amount determined by the daily rate of pay of employee at retirement or death, multiplied by one-half the total number of accumulated sick leave days credited to the individual at the time of his retirement or death.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

POLICY ON RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT FOR TEACHERS

In order to meet budgetary requirements for a service credit benefit of \$40 for each year of Indianapolis teaching experience and \$10 per day for each day of accumulated sick leave, the following criteria are submitted to assist those who wish to qualify for service credit benefits upon retirement:

- Since contracts and budgets must be prepared one year in advance, teaching employees will be expected to give written notice of their intentions of retiring at least one year in advance. This procedure is necessary to insure funds for payment of benefits. If, for any valid reason, an employee cannot give a full year's notice, the General Superintendent may approve a shorter notice of intent to retire.
- 2) Retirement benefits shall be included in the contract for the last year of service. Payment shall be made in a lump sum on the last day of service.
- 3) Experience credit shall be based on the total years of Indianapolis teaching experience. The last year of service may be pro-rated if the final year is not completed. Fractional years may be combined to make a full year. Teaching experience in other school systems or a leave of absence shall not be counted in determining the total number of years of Indianapolis experience. (One year equals 190 days.)
- 4) Funds for unused sick leave have not been included in the contracts which have been issued for the ensuing year. Details on the payment for unused sick leave will have to be determined during the last year of service.
- 5) To be eligible for the benefits in effect during the last year of service, a teacher should be under contract at least ninety calendar days from the date of the beginning of the contract.
- 6) Any teacher 62 years of age or under who seeks a service credit benefit shall submit satisfactory proof that an application for retirement benefits has been or will be made in one or both of the following agencies:
 - a) Social Security.
 - b) Indiana State Teachers Retirement

No service credit benefit shall be paid to a teacher who does not retire.

7) Upon the recommendation of the General Superintendent and approval of the Board, changes and/or additions may be made in the criteria outlined in the foregoing statement.



WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS West Hartford, Conn.

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1964 1965	90	4	(65 + 15 = 80 - 4 = 76)		
965 1966	90	1	(76 + 15 = 90(max) - 1 = 89)		
966 1967	120	1	(89 + 15 = 104 - 1 = 103)		
967 1968	120	5_	(103 + 15 = 118 - 5 = 113)		
1968 1969	150	2_	(113 + 15 = 128 - 2 = 126)		

(1/2 = 63 days; max allowed = 30 days)

This is to certify that <u>John Doe</u>

is entitled to \$ 1902.60 for <u>30</u> days retirement unused sick leave pay* in accordance with the provision in the <u>School Code</u>, Article VIIIA, Section 6a (3).

		Tames Smith		
June 1	1969	Assistant Superintendent		

*Compilation of Retirement Unused Sick Leave Pay (10 month employment)

$$1/190^{\frac{a}{2}} \times \$ \frac{12,050^{\frac{b}{2}}}{\text{(annual salary rate)}} = \$ \frac{63.42}{\text{(daily rate)}}$$

$$\times \frac{30}{\text{(number of days)}} = \$ \frac{1902.60}{\text{(amount of pay)}}$$

 $\frac{a}{b}$ Staff members on 12 month employment: 1/240 of annual rate = daily rate $\frac{b}{b}$ Last earned annual salary rate



		SEVERANCE PAY	FOR PROFESSIONAL EMP	LOYEES	
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·	B. SEVERANCE PAY FOR ACCUMULATED ANNUAL LEAVE
5.	How many years of annual leave may be accumulated by 12-month professional employees?
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6.	Do 12-month professional employees receive terminal pay for unused ANNUAL leave? (Please do not check YES if your policy merely requires the use of unused annual leave immediately before termination officially becomes effective.) YES NO. QUESTIONNATEE FORM
	YES NO.
7.	If YES, please check severances to which applicable.
	RETIREMENT RESIGNATION DEATH DISMISSAL
8.	If YES on Question 6, but terminating employees are not paid IN FULL for accumulated annual leave, please explain:
9.	C. SEVERANCE PAY NOT RELATED TO ACCUMULATED SICK OR ANNUAL LEAVE Does your school system provide severance pay for professional employees which is not computed on the basis of accumulated sick or annual leave? YES NO If YES, please explain:
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	Please enclose copies of severance pay policies or formulas.
	Return ONE copy to: Educational Research Service Box 5 - NEA Building 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20036

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